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OBOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 381NP/48511 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Hidehiro IIZUKA; Kojiro OKUDE; Masato KANEEDA; Kousei NAGAYAMA; Hisao YAMASHITA; Osamu KURODA and Yuichi KITAHARA

entitled: EXHAUST GAS CLEANING METHOD, EXHAUST GAS CLEANING CATALYST AND EXHAUST GAS CLEANING DEVICE FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Enclosed are:

- Specification, including 18 claims (pages 1-44).
- Sheet(s) of X Formal Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-2.
- X Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed).
- Assignment of the invention to <u>Hitachi, Ltd.</u> 4.
- Certified copy of Priority Document <u>11-007313</u> 5. Japan on 14 January 1999, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- 6. X Information Disclosure Statement.
- 7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/48511). duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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